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Honorable John A. McCone Director, Central Intelligence Agency

Dear John:

I am pleased to see that we have jointly arrived at an excellent base for improving our National ELINT posture. The sensitive flights which you address I believe of necessity should be so noted in DIA, as you suggested. However, there was no intent to either validate or control these flights from an organization such as DIA. I recognize that there are higher level procedures which must of necessity, and appropriately so, validate and control these flights.

The subject of evaluation (Item H), as you have suggested, has been forwarded to the Director, NSA, who has informed me that it will be considered along with other suggested changes by the ELINT Advisory Group. As you are aware, the actual wording will be a negotiated item among the several participants. I assure you, however, that the intent of your wording will be fulfilled.

Sincerely,

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